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TAGS: CDES BR (THERIAULT, JOHN J.)

SUBJ: FS-192 AND INVENTORY EFFECTS: JOHN J. THERIAULT

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1. CONGEN HAS BEEN ACTIVELY PURSUING THIS MATTER SINCE RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT'S OM OF JULY 16, 1976. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, DEATH OF JOHN J. THERIAULT WAS NOT REPORTED TO CONGEN. WE CONTACTED J. WAYNE GIBSON, A FORMER USAID EMPLOYEE, WHO IS NOW EMPLOYED AS A PRIVATE CONSULTANT HERE. HE INFORMED US THAT THERIAULT HAD TRAVELLED TO RIO TO SEE HIS MOTHER, THE WIDOWED ELIZABETH M. GIBSON. ACCORDING TO WAYNE GIBSON, THERIAULT HAD PLANS TO MARRY ELIZABETH M. GIBSON.

2. AFTER THERIAULT'S DEATH, AGAIN ACCORDING TO GIBSON THE ELDERLY (ABOUT 65) MRS. GIBSON WAS EXTREMELY UPSET, AND IT DID NOT OCCUR TO ANYONE TO CONTACT THE CONGEN ABOUT THE DEATH. GIBSON LATER STATED THAT HIS MOTHER INFORMED HIM THAT SHE SENT THERIAULT'S PASSPORT TO THE CONGEN VIA MESSENGER, BUT THIS IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE.

3. CONGEN REPEATEDLY CONTACTED GIBSON TO BRING IN MR. THERIAULT'S PASSPORT, PERSONAL EFFECTS ETC., AND RECEIVED ONLY A SERIES OF PROMISES. GIBSON ALLEGED THAT HIS MOTHER IS NOW DYING OF CANCER, AND THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO DISTURB HER ANY MORE THAN POSSIBLE.

4. ON SEPTEMBER 7, WE RECEIVED A VISIT FROM MR. ROBERT SIMON, A BUSINESSMAN FROM CLEVELAND AND A PERSONAL FRIEND OF JEAN MOONEY. WE DISCUSSED THE CASE WITH HIM, AND INFORMED HIM  
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THAT, BECAUSE WE DID NOT RECOVER THE PASSPORT, WE LACK MR.

THERIAULT'S DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH TO COMPLETE THE FS-192. AT THAT TIME GIBSON FINALLY BROUGHT IN TWO PIECES OF LUGGAGE (A WOOD TRUNK AND SOFT SIDE BAG) CONTAINING WHAT HE STATES ARE THE SUM TOTAL OF MR. THERIAULT'S PERSONAL EFFECTS. WE MADE A QUICK LISTING, AND FOUND THAT THE LUGGAGE CONTAINED ONLY USED CLOTHING, A VERY FEW PERSONAL MEMENTOS SUCH AS A WOODEN CROSS AND AN INEXPENSIVE TIMEX WRISTWATCH, BUT NO DOCUMENTS SAVE A COPY OF A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD. NO DIAMOND RINGS OR OTHER EXPENSIVE ITEMS IN THE EFFECTS. WE INTENDED TO SEND THE EPRSONAL ITEMS BACK TO CLEVELAND WITH MR. SIMON, BUT FAILED TO MAKE CONTACT AND HE DEPARTED SEPTEMBER 8.

5. ONE ITEM OF INTEREST IN THE LUGGAGE IS A SET OF TRAVELERS CHECK STUBS SHOWING THERIAULT BROUGHT DLS. \$2,500.00 WITH HIM ON THIS TRIP. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING HOW MANY OF THESE CHECKS THERIAULT CASHED BEFORE HIS DEATH, THE SIMULTANEOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF BOTH HIS PASSPORT AND HIS CHECK DOES NOT LOOK GOOD. ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THE WAY THIS MATTER WAS HANDLED BY GIBSON AND HIS MOTHER, THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE WE CAN DO ABOUT IT AT THIS POINT.

6. ALTHOUGH JEAN MOONEY SHOULD BY NOW HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY MR. SIMON OF OUR NEED FOR THERIAULT'S DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH FOR PREPARATION OF FS-192 (WE HAVE A COPY OF THE BRAZILIAN DEATH CERTIFICATE, BUT IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION), DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONTACT HER TO INSURE SHE GETS THE MESSAGE. WE WOULD PREFER A COPY OF THERIAULT'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR SOME OTHER CREDIBLE DOCUMENT UPON WHICH TO BASE THE FS-192. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN AS TO WHETHER WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH FORMAL INVENTORY OF EFFECTS, SINCE THEY CONSIST ALMOST ENTIRELY OF VALUELESS OLD CLOTHES, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE RECEIVED ALL THE EFFECTS THERIAULT LEFT.

7. ACCORDING TO BRAZILIAN DEATH CERTIFICATE, THERIAULT DIED IN THE CLINICA SOROCABA, LOCATED AT RUA SOROCABA NO. 464, BOTAFOGO, RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL. HOSPITAL DEATH CERTIFICATE WAS SIGNED BY DR. CLAUDIO ALBERTO STILINER, THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN. CAUSE OF DEATH IS SHOWN AS INTERNAL HEMORRHAGE, DUODENAL ULCER AND CARDIAC ESCLEROSIS. AUTOPSIES ARE NOT PERFORMED IN BRAZIL WHEN THE DECEASED WAS UNDER A PHYSICIAN'S CARE  
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AND HE CERTIFIES THE CASUE OF DEATH. REMAINS WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE GIBSONS, AND THEY TOOK CARE OF ALL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

8. WE AWAIT ONLY INFO RE THERIAULT'S DPOBO TO PROCEED WITH PREPARATION OF FS-192.  
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